GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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PRODUCTION OF FINISHED STEEL/ PIG IRON
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of finished steel and pig iron production by Public Sector Undertaking during the year 2006-07;

(b) the details of the programme to increase their production during the next three years;

(c) the quantum of iron ore and metallurgical coal required to meet the present and increased production during the next three years; and

(d) the quantum of such coal expected to be made available indigenously and that proposed to be imported ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a) The production of finished steel and pig iron production by Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) plants during 2006-07 (upto February 2007) is as follows:

(Unit: Million Tonnes)

Items	2006-07 (upto February 2007)
Finished Steel	9.3
Pig Iron	0.46

The details of finished steel and pig iron production at Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL), Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) during the year 2006-2007 are given below:

(Unit : Million Tonnes)

Item	2006- 2007 (Expected)
Finished Steel	3.001
Pig Iron	0.349

(b) SAIL has planned to increase its finished steel production to 12.3 MT by 2009-10 and pig iron production at around 1 MT by 2009-10. The VSP is presently operating at about 120% of its rated capacity. The expansion plan of VSP to raise the capacity from 3 Million tonnes to 6.3 Million tonnes has been approved by the Government.

(c) Currently, SAIL is consuming 24 MT of iron ore and 14 MT of coking coal. The requirement is likely to increase to 35 MT Iron Ore and 18 MT of coking coal by 2009-10. RINL is consuming 6.09MT of iron ore and 3.32 MT of Metallurgical Coal. The requirement is likely to increase to 7.09 MT of Iron Ore and 3.86 MT of Metallurgical Coal by 2009-10.

(d) Currently 63% of the coal consumed by SAIL is imported and it may increase to 78% by 2009-10. RINL import 87% of the Coal consumed by it and it is likely to remain the same in 2009-10.